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8	BEFORE THE
9	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2011-160
13	JAMIE NICHOLE TOTTEN
14	aka JAMIE TOTTEN 3600 Barham Blvd., Building L Apt. 103 ACCUSATION
15	Los Angeles, CA 90068
16	3714 Plum Street Terre Haute, Indiana 47803
17	Registered Nurse License No. 692596
18	Respondent.
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20	Complainant alleges:
21	<u>PARTIES</u>
- 22	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
23	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
24	of Consumer Affairs.
25	2. On or about November 16, 2006, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
26	Nurse License Number 692596 to Jamie Nichole Totten, aka Jamie Totten ("Respondent"). The
27	Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
28	herein and will expire on October 31, 2010, unless renewed.
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"),
 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

RELEVANT STATUTES

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual certified or licensed nursing functions."
 - 7. Section 2762 of the Code states:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

"(a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.

"(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license."

8. Code section 4060 states, in pertinent part:

No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, a naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5, or a pharmacist pursuant to either subparagraph (D) of paragraph (4) of, or clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of, subdivision (a) of Section 4052...

- 9. Health and Safety Code section 11170 states that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for herself.
- 10. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part, that "[n]o person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge . . ."

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AT ISSUE

11. "Methamphetamine" is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2).

COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 13. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by HRN Services, Inc., ("HRN") as a "travel nurse." On or about March 8, 2010, Respondent through HRN was hired to work in the Intensive Care Unit at Sutter Delta Medical Center ("SDMC"), in Antioch, California.
- 14. On April 1, 2010, Respondent was on duty at SDMC when after using the restroom, staff noticed a significant change in her behavior. She displayed erratic and rambling speech, grabbed at and picked up items that were not present and was unable to sit upright in a chair. Respondent was escorted off the unit and consented to a urine toxicology screen. The drug screen was positive for amphetamines and/or methamphetamines.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtain and/or Possess Controlled Substances)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Code section 2762, subdivision (a), in that on April 1, 2010, she had obtained and/or possessed a controlled substance, as set forth above in paragraphs 13 and 14.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Code section 2762, subdivision (b), in that on April 1, 2010, she used the controlled substance amphetamine and/or methamphetamine to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself and others or to the extent that such use impaired her ability to conduct her nursing duties safely, as set forth above in paragraphs 13 and 14.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

 Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 692596, issued to Jamie Nichole Totten, aka Jamie Totten.

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1	2. Ordering Jamie Nichole Totten, aka Jamie Totten to pay the Board of Registered
2	Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to
3	Business and Professions Code section 125.3.
4	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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6	DATED: COUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RX
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